



## Mission Statement

***Guided by Jesus' love and example, we use our gifts to grow, pray and learn as a community; united in faith.***

14<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you to update you on the arrangements we have in place for our Christmas festivities.

As you already know, we are asking that all parents wear masks when they are on the school site. Please could we ask that if you are attending the nativities or the Carols around the Tree that you wear masks during these events. We have also been advised by Derby City Council to ask all parents to take a Lateral Flow test before coming to school for these events. These can be obtained free of charge from local pharmacies or here <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>. Even though we are performing outdoors, we want to keep our community as safe as possible in the lead up to Christmas. Currently, in the areas around our school there are 610 positive COVID cases per 100,000 compared to 501 per 100,000 in Derby city.

**Christmas Nativities** – These will take place as follows:

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Class R 2pm / KS1 3.45pm & Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Class R 9.30am / KS1 10.15am**

Each family will be allocated 2 seats at each performance that their child is in. We cannot offer anymore as we will be arranging chairs in the outdoor areas to allow for distancing and a good view!

**In case of bad weather, the performances will not be moved indoors due to the current COVID guidelines and restrictions.**

**Carols around the Tree** – On the afternoon of **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**, we will have Carols around the Tree, on the junior playground and you are very welcome to join us. Again, we will need to limit the number of people who are able to attend to 2 per family in order to arrange chairs to be positioned so they are distanced as much as possible. During the afternoon, we will remember the true meaning of Christmas and each class will learn a carol and a festive song to sing during the event. Please make sure your child has their coat, gloves, hats and scarves that day!

Other events in the lead up to Christmas ...

**Christmas Stocking Appeal** – Our collection of shower gel, toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap, deodorant and other toiletries for Derby Doorways is still ongoing until the end of term. We have nearly filled the giant Christmas stocking in our entrance foyer.

**Christmas Raffle** – We will continue to sell raffle tickets at the end of the school day on the school gates. There are a number of prizes to win! Proceeds from the raffles will go towards the children's Christmas parties and presents from Father Christmas

**Christmas Parties** – These will **now be held in individual classes either in the classrooms, outdoors or in the hall** on the afternoon of **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December**. The children can come to school in their party clothes that day. They will have games and party food and will have a visit from a very special person.

**PTFA Fundraiser/Christmas dinner day** - On **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**, our Christmas dinner day, the PTFA have organised a 'Wear Christmas to School Day' and would like everyone to come to school dressed as Christmas for a donation for as much or as little as you can.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact the school office on 01332 572154.

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